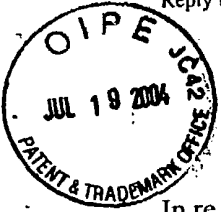


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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 13, 2004, the term to respond extends to July 13, 2004. Please enter this amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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